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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

SPIRIT OF XMAS

Peace on Earth. Good will toward men — and women and children, too. 'Tis the season to be jolly.

Freeways are clogged. Downtown stores are jammed. Women and men frantically spend their hard-earned dollars.

Some spend dollars they don't have yet.

For the stores, it's green Christmas — to borrow the title of Stan Freberg's phonograph record. It's the biggest spending binge of the year.

For some customers, it's credit Christmas. Buy now and scrimp later!

For others, it's a season of sadness, especially for those who cannot impart happiness to their youngsters with gifts.

Here and there, a few of the faithful quietly steal into church, remembering what Christmas is really about, amidst the mad whirl of executive gifts, form-letter Christmas cards, office parties and rush, rush, rush.

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LABOR & XMAS

You don't have to be a Christian to sit back and think about what Christmas should mean to those of us in the labor movement who haven't yet been completely seduced by the philosophy of bread-and-butter unionism.

The labor movement still means a better world for all people everywhere. Or it should.

It means peace on Earth. It means a respite from gunfire and slogging through mud for soldiers in Viet Nam and India. It means a release from the tensions of the race toward nuclear destruction.

It means turning jobs, money and national efforts in all parts of the world from war to meeting the needs for homes, schools, libraries, parks, roads and a better life for all people.

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MINORITIES, FARM WORKERS

Christmas should mean equal rights for all people, regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin.

Christmas should mean a fair break for farm workers, who have suffered too long on the bitter dregs of bare existence.

Christmas should mean wishes of good cheer and support from the more fortunate members of the labor movement to those who are on strike.

Christmas should mean a determination to do something about the five out of every 100 of our nation's workers who have been jobless for the last five years.

As the Yuletide madness nears its peak, this is the kind of a Merry Christmas we wish everyone.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Central Labor Council rejects per capita voting

Building Trades Council wins battle on safety at General Motors plant

A program to improve safety conditions at the General Motors plant under construction in Fremont was approved at a union-management meeting last week.

J. L. Childers, business representative for the Alameda County Building Trades Council, who officiated at the meeting, said it was successful.

Also present were representatives of G.M.; Huber, Hunt & Nichols, general contractor; major sub-contractors and union stewards.

Childers said several serious accidents and unsafe conditions at the G.M. plant had nearly prompted a walkout by crafts represented.

Latest accident was a Steamfitter's fall off a scaffold last week, Childers said.

Contractor representatives cooperated 100 per cent in meeting union demands, he added.

TRIAL RUN HELD

One of the complaints was on the time it took to get an ambulance to injured men.

A new system was set up and tried out at last week's meeting. It only took 11 minutes for the ambulance to arrive in the trial run, according to Childers.

Stewards will also have authority to see that each contractor is abiding by safety rules. Stewards will have authority to recommend firing of consistent violators or to order work stopped until conditions are remedied.

Other improvements include these:

- State approved first aid kits are being posted at strategic locations.
- Safety stewards will meet at 10 a.m. each Monday, and State Division of Industrial Safety representatives will attend at least one meeting a month.
- Phone booths and columns will be numbered, and the plant protection service will guide ambulances to injured persons and dispatch pickup trucks with blankets and stretchers.

Stewards will have the authority to phone both ambulances and the plant protection service when accidents occur, Childers said.

Lodge 1546 plan loses on 2nd reading

Central Labor Council delegates defeated a per capita voting plan following its second reading Monday night.

The proposal by Automotive Machinists 1546 was not permitted to go to its third and final reading which had been scheduled for next Monday.

If the constitutional amendment had passed this week's reading by a majority vote, a two-thirds vote would have been needed for final passage on a secret ballot next week.

LENGTHY DEBATE

The action to kill the amendment followed a lengthy debate. Twenty-one delegates dissented on the final vote.

One key issue was whether it was posssible to have per capita voting and a secret ballot at the same time. A letter read from Charles P. Scully, attorney for the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO), indicated it wasn't.

In per capita voting a union has one vote for each member. These votes are divided among the union's delegates. Larger unions would have more power. Present balloting is one vote per delegate.

CHARGES IT'S UNFAIR

DeWayne (Bud) Williams of Lodge 1546 said the present plan was unfair to large unions. He said Lodge 1546 would be outvoted 15 times by 72 small locals whose total per capita tax is the same.

Among delegates who answered this argument were Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, who said it was a trade union principle for the strong to help the weak.

Harry Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 886, warned against domination by large unions.

Peter Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, and Leslie K. Moore, Auto and Ship Painters 1176, among others, said the strength of the Alameda County Central Labor Council is in its attitude toward small unions.

PER CAPITA TAX

Several months ago, the labor council directed Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash to expell unions which don't pay per capita tax on all members, as a step to increase revenues.

Action was delayed until passage of an amendment giving larger unions bigger delegations — and more representation. But Williams said this still wasn't fair and introduced the amendment which was defeated Monday night.

Reuther offers to file brief in Fort political rights case

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers and the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department, has offered to file an "amicus curiae" (friend of the court) brief in the test case of Dr. Joel Fort of East Bay Municipal Employees 390.

Dr. Fort is fighting ouster as director of the Alameda County Center on Alcoholism on grounds he engaged in political activity in violation of Section 41 of the County Charter.

The charter section prohibits civil service employees from entering any political activity except voting and expressing opinions in private.

Dr. Fort hopes the test case will ultimately free millions of local, state and federal employees throughout the nation from similar restrictive laws.

L.A. LOCAL DONATES

Already, his case has taken on added importance to Los Angeles County employees, who failed in their second effort Nov. 6 to have voters amend a similar ban in that county's charter.

Among donors to the new Fort-Public Employees Legal Fund, P.O. Box 131, Berkeley, is Los Angeles County Employees 434, which gave $600 toward the legal fight.

Dr. Fort said it is expected to take $6,000 to fight the case. He said Local 390 has also given $600.

Dr. Fort won a Superior Court case, but county supervisors have appealed.

CHRISTMAS EDITION

The East Bay Labor Journal joins the rest of the labor movement in wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.

Special Christmas advertisements appear in this and next week's editions.

Deadline for meeting notices and columns for the Dec. 28 issue is 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20. Deadline for meeting notices and columns for the Jan. 4 issue is 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27.

Ruling awaited in Consolidated case

Arbitration hearings on firings of 128 members of Teamsters 70 by Consolidated Freightways, San Leandro, were held Wednesday and Friday of last week before Dr. Arthur Ross of the University of California.

Dr. Ross agreed to arbitrate the case after Arbitrator Sam Kagel withdrew.

It was considered possible a ruling would be handed down late this week. Court hearings in an injunction case involving the case have been held up pending the arbitration findings.

Although the International Brotherhood of Teamsters refused to back Local 70 in the strike, the AFLCIO Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council in Alameda County have voted full support for their fellow unionists in the dispute.

Last week's arbitration hearing lasted 13 hours, and Dr. Ross was expected to re-read the transcript of the crucial case before making his ruling.

Major organizing campaign in county will be discussed

A major drive to organize non-union industries and businesses in Alameda County will be discussed at a special meeting of representatives of all unions Dec. 27.

The meeting was called by Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Ash was absent from this week's Central Labor Council meeting. He was attending the National AFLCIO Conference for State and Local Central Bodies in Washington, D.C. But his announcement was read by Norman Amundson, assistant secretary.

Ash pointed out that local and international unions are being backed by the AFLCIO in a major organizing drive in the Los Angeles area.

CITES DRIVE IN '40'S

He suggested re-establishment of a group like the Joint Organizing Committee which functioned out of the Alameda County Central Labor Council in the early '40's.

Amundson said he is currently doing research on organizing needs in Alameda County, including where non-union conditions exist and where unions are most likely to be welcomed by employees.

The annoucement was greeted by delegates with spirited applause.

In Los Angeles, the AFLCIO will coordinate a drive to bring union benefits to 750,000.

HOW TO BUY

Income tax — plan now, save later

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Big taxpayers, and many of the more energetic medium sized ones, are now doing their "year-end tax planning."

Even though income taxes are not due for three months, these people know that what they do between now and the end of December will affect how much they must pay Uncle Sam on April 1.

What is year-end tax planning?

Tax planning means arranging deductions before the end of the year to secure maximum potential tax saving.

In the case of wage earners, it chiefly means arranging to pay deductible obligations before the end of the year, or deciding to postpone these payments until the beginning of the new year to assure maximum deductions.

How does tax planning work?

Before the end of the year, figure out whether your potential deductions amount to more than ten per cent and so are worth itemizing, or if they are definitely less than ten per cent.

If more, it will then be profitable to pay before the end of the year any obligations due around this time. But if your potential deductions do not add up to ten per cent, then it will pay to postpone payment of deductible obligations until after the beginning of the new year so you can include them in next year's deductions.

Thus, you would take the standard ten per cent allowance one year and itemize deductions the next year.

For instance, you can pay before the end of the year, or postpone until the beginning of the new year, such deductible expenses as church and charity contributions; debt payments on which interest is deductible; work expenses such as purchases or repairs of tools, technical periodicals, uniforms and insignia, and others.

As one example, your property taxes may be due near the end of the year. Whether you pay on December 31 or January 1 determines whether you can take the deduction this year or next.

The key to such planning is the fact that deductible expenditures are deductible on your tax return only in the calendar year they are paid, not necessarily the year they are incurred.

Even if you usually itemize deductions anyway, pay special attention to your medical deduction.

You can deduct only that portion of medical expense over 3 per cent of your income. Thus, if your medical bills this year are approaching that figure, it will save taxes to pay any outstanding bills before year's end so you can include them in this year's medical deduction.

It even would pay to have needed work done before the end of the year, such as dental or optical attention you may be anticipating.

But if your medical expense for 1962 does not approach 3 per cent of your income, then the technique, and it is perfectly legal, is to postpone whatever payments or expenditures can be postponed until the beginning of the new year.

Doesn't this require spare cash?

Yes. And this, of course, is where the higher income taxpayers have the advanage. But it is worth doing even if you have to take out a short term loan to tide you over.

For example, one family last year had relatively large medical bills. In December, it still owed the doctor over $150. We suggested taking out a short term cash loan from a credit union or commercial bank to help pay the remaining medical bills before the end of the year. For a few dollars of interest, this family saved almost $40 in taxes, considering both the state and federal taxes.

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Consumers pass key resolutions

Resolutions adopted by the Association of California Consumers at its convention Dec. 1-2 in San Francisco included the following:

- Urged a larger budget for the State Office of Consumer Counsel and pledged continued cooperation.
- Praised President Kennedy's efforts on behalf of consumers at the federal level but urged appointment of a Federal Consumer Counsel with cabinet rank.
- Urged the U.S. Post Office to continue and expand its program of displaying federal leaflets available to consumers in post offices.
- Supported proposed federal and state truth-in-lending bills.
- Called for stronger enforcements of and needed amendments to the Unruh and Rees-Levering Acts regarding installment buying.
- Demanded regulation of auto and TV repair shops by a state agency.
- Urged state and federal truth-in-packaging legislation, as well as 11 specific reforms in grading and packaging.
- Criticized State Insurance Commissioner F. Britton McConnell and urged appointment of a successor who will adopt a more vigorous enforcement policy.
- Called for a law against wage garnishments.
- Urged repeal of the State Fair Trade Act.
- Suggested more control of moving companies.
- Called for better regulations on drugs and health insurance.

Rybutol ads hit by FTC order

The Federal Trade Commission has ordered Lanolin Plus, Inc., to revise it ads for Rybutol and stop indicating it is good for tiredness and loss of happiness, or that it keeps you from looking older than you are.

Lanolin Plus, Inc., can make these claims only if it says the statements apply merely to persons whose symptoms are caused by an established deficiency of one or more of the ingredients of Rybutol.

It must also clearly disclose that in the great majority of cases these symptoms are caused by something else, the FTC said.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

CANCER hits poor people harder, according to a survey cited by Dr. Lester Breslow of the State Department of Public Health.

The wealthy get more and better physical checkups. Therefore, cancer is more often diagnosed and treated early among patients who have money.

You are more likely to recover from cancer if it's curbed early.

THE CALIFORNIA survey revealed early diagnosis in one-third of all cancer patients in county hospitals.

At least one-half of the wealthier patients in private hospitals had received early diagnosis.

The wealthier patients were better off in another way: They received surgery or radiation treatment faster and more frequently than those in low income groups.

A RELATED subject is discussed by Dr. William A. Sawyer, medical consultant for the AFL-CIO Machinists, in a recent column in The Machinist.

Dr. Sawyer says leukemia, a malignant disease affecting the bone marrow, spleen and lymph glands and white blood cells, is growing more common. In all countries, recorded deaths from leukemia are rising by 4-5 per cent per year.

Pointing out that one established cause is ionizing radiation — an unusual number of cases have occurred among atomic bomb victims in Japan and among X-ray technicians and others exposed to extensive radiation — Dr. Sawyer says another cause may be pest control poisons.

'SILENT SPRING,' a recent best-seller by Rachel Carson, quotes a Mayo Clinic doctor who claims a majority of his blood disorder patients have had histories of exposure to pesticides.

Among chemicals suspected are sprays containing DDT, chlorodane, benzene, lindane and petroleum distillates.

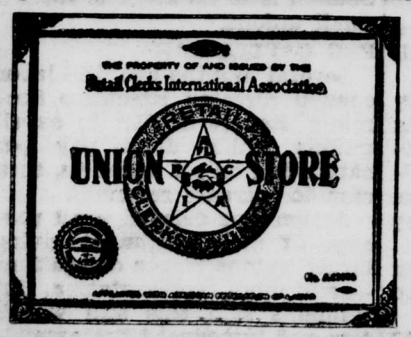
Leukemia, aplastic anemia, Hodgins Disease and other blood disorders may be linked with these sprays. Single large doses may not be as harmful as repeated small doses, Mrs. Carson writes.

Dr. Sawyer recommends avoiding "possible harmful exposures" as much as we can.

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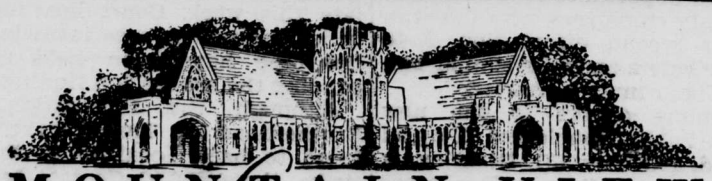
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Clarke joins C.C. Employees 1675

Henry L. (Hank) Clarke, formerly western representative for the American Federation of Teachers (AFLCIO), has been employed as business manager of Local 1675, Contra Costa County Employees Association.

Local 1675 is a unit of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFLCIO). It is also affiliated with the Joint Action Committee, a group of public employee locals in the East Bay.

Clarke, a graduate of the University of California, taught at Napa Junior College for two years but was fired for forming a union among teachers there.

In the Fall of 1954, Clarke became the first full-time executive secretary and lobbyist of the California State Federation of Teachers (AFLCIO). The following year, he joined the American Federation of Teachers staff.

For 14 months beginning in April, 1961, Clarke took part in the collective bargaining election campaign among New York City teachers, resulting in selection of the United Federation of Teachers (AFLCIO) as bargaining representative, a brief teachers' strike, and finally a union contract.

Dr. Arthur Ross announces U.C. to step up labor services

The University of California is planning "expansion and intensification" of its labor activities, according to Dr. Arthur Ross, director of the U.C. Institute of Industrial Relations.

The plans took positive shape after a meeting between several labor leaders and U.C. President Clark Kerr last month.

Ross outlined eight areas in which the university will try to serve the labor movement better.

- The labor program will be given a more definite or formal status in the university organization, although exact details on how this will be done have not been worked out.
- A larger staff and budget will be given to the university's labor programs, although the extent of this expansion is uncertain, too.
- A special labor advisory committee of labor representatives is being considered for active consultation by university labor experts.
- More attention will be given to usefulness of U.C. labor research projects to unions, and a unit specifically assigned to do research of interest to labor is being considered, with the understanding unions would be considered on whether various projects would be of use to them.
- The university will offer to prepare materials on labor-management relations and related topics about the labor movement for use in public school instruction or for teacher conferences.
- More attention will be given to inviting union representatives to serve as guest lecturers at U.C.
- More attention will be given to encouraging U.C. experts to discuss union meetings, conventions and educational programs.
- The entire university curriculum on labor will be reviewed and weak spots built up.

Ross said: "We feel a public university has a very definite responsibility to labor."

Citing the university's activity in the fields of business and agriculture, Ross said he feels its role in labor should be expanded.

But, Ross said, the kind of services a state university can offer the labor movement are different from those it gives farmers and industries.

Ross specifically cited a U.C.-UCLA conference for labor leadears to be held at Asilomar in January at which better cooperation between the university and unions will be discussed.

He also said a survey was conducted among a large number of union officials last year to get ideas for improvement of the U.C. labor program.

Unionist gets $124,000 for Todd blast injuries

A $124,000 damage settlement has been approved by Federal Judge Albert Wollenberg for Rubin May Jr., 35, a member of Electrical Workers 595, who received permanent injuries in the Todd Shipyard explosion of January, 1957.

The court was told May suffered such severe head injuries he will neve be able to work again. His injuries included loss of hearing.

The blast, which occurred in the engine room of a tanker at the shipyard, resulted in the deaths of nine workers and the injury of 43 others.

Teen-agers, Coast Guard men still buy at drive-in

Picketing by culinary unions is continuing at the A&W Root Beer drive-in, East 14th street and 22nd avenue, Assistant Secretary Norman Amundson told the Central Labor Council. He estimated patronage was cut in half but said teen-agers and Coast Guardsmen are still going there. The Coast Guard will be contacted.

Penfield, NLRB attorney, appointed trial examiner

Louis S. Penfield, a native of Oakland and regional attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, has been appointed an NLRB trial examiner to conduct hearings, make findings and recommend remedies in unfair labor practice cases. Two other new trial examiners, Ivar H. Peterson and Laurence A. Knapp were also named.

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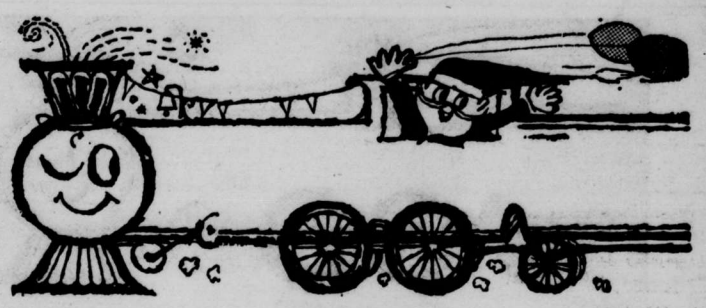
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Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

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1. The member's card must have been in Local Union 444 for a period of one year prior to December 21, 1962, and in good standing.

2. Members out of work on Monday, December 10, and still out of work on Friday, December 21, will be eligible.

3. All members who have been ill and are still ill on December 21 will be eligible.

4. All retired members who can be contacted on Friday, December 21, will be eligible.

5. Travel Card members will not be eligible under any circumstances.

6. Members laid off temporarily or out of work for the reason of weather conditions and who will return to their jobs when weather permits will not be considered eligible.

7. Members quitting their jobs, refusing to work when called or not available for work will not be eligible.

8. Eligible members will be notified by telephone on Friday, December 21, as to where and when to pick up their turkey and basket.

9. When picking up your turkey and basket, you must have your union book with you.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

This union's off-year general election of officers was held this past Sunday, with 529 voting. The results were as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD (Vote for Two) — E. M. (Andy) Anderson, 261; O. T. (Curly) Davis, 75; Dick Dole, 117; Bennie W. Gosney, 167; Ray E. Jeter, 66; Frank Larson, 56; George Machado, 88; George Souza, 12; J. R. (Tuck) Tucker, 177.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Vote for Two) John Davy, 147; George H. Edwards, 316; Bennie W. Gosney, 162; Don Stallings, 212; Martin (Marty) Scott, 160.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Vote for One) — Bobby G. Beeson, 246; Brady J. Williams, 237.

EXAMINING BOARD, WELDERS (Vote for One) — Doyal W. Walker, 422.

EXAMINING BOARD AT LARGE (Vote for One) — Robert C. Cornelius, 374.

APPRENTICE COMMITTEE (Vote for Three) — Bobby G. Beeson, 232; Dick Dole, 256; Glen L. Ele, 224; L. C. (Shorty) Furman, 306; Kenneth C. Scoggins, 139; Doyal W. Walker, 210.

SKILLED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (Vote for Two) — C. D. Gibbon, 334; Owen Kistner, 265; Roy Turley, 319.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL (Vote for One) — Bill Weber, Sr., 409.

BAY CITIES METAL TRADES COUNCIL (Vote for Two) — Owen Kistner, 389.

DELGATES, STATE BUILDING TRADES CONVENTION, 1963 (Vote for Six) — John "Jack" Matheis, 350; Jim Martin, 340; Roy A. Turley, 276; C. D. Gibbon, 243; J. R. (Tuck) Tucker, 235; John A. Davy, 230.

DELEGATES, CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION (Vote for Four) Jim Martin, 316; Don Stallings, 232; Roy A. Turley, 211; J. R. (Tuck) Tucker, 200.

There will be no other membership meeting for the month of December. Installation of officers will be held January 3, 1963.

We are sorry to announce the passing of Brothers Roy Tinder and Bob Carr.

Painters Dist. Council 16

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

FLASH! To out-of-work painters: Have you ever had a desire to learn the taping part of our business? Well, here is your chance.

We have this pre-apprentice class in Berkeley, taught by Ed Smilovitz, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. five days a week, that will be expanded to include all phases of taping and sheetrock finishing.

By enrolling you will not only learn to be a taper but you can also continue to receive your unemployment benefits.

We need a minimum of 15 to start: so let's not waste time—get in touch with the council, your local or business agent.

That's enough for now.

Disarmament talk

Louis B. Sohn, an authority on arms control, will be the final lecturer in the Berkeley Evening School's series on disarmament problems at 8 p.m. Friday in the Berkeley Little Theater. The lecture is free to the public.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list this Monday a.m. topped out at 127, about one-third of what it was last year at the same time.

The rapid transit operation should make a mess of construction if it can get off the ground on the taxpayer suits, etc. Other heavy work should go well also, making the next year's prospects at least fairly good for our trade.

Check your statement A for July, August and September, 1962, from the vacation fund and let us know any errors.

The new contract will be in the mail to all members of the local before long. It is in the printer's now.

Benny sez:

Have collected quite a lot of retroactive pay. Dispatches of 104 for the past two weeks.

Vacation checks will be mailed out on and after Jan. 30, 1963. Be sure to look over your statements to be sure they are correct.

The labor seminar Al and I attended Saturday and Sunday at Santa Rosa was most interesting and informative. John Hutchinson of the U.C., Berkeley, Institute of Industrial Relations is certainly to be congratulated again for organizing another really fine seminar. The subject matters we study provide your agents with a wealth of knowledge that we can use in the good service of our membership.

See you at the next meeting, 21 Dec. 1962.

Don't forget to come to the special called meeting Jan. 4, 1963, to elect your delegates to the Carpenters State Council convention.



John Carl Warnecke, Bay Area architect, studies a model of award-winning Malcolm Reservoir Park.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Results of the vote at the special called meetting held Nov. 16, 1962, by Local 1622:

Meeting nights will remain the same — every Friday of every week.

The blood bank assessment of $2 is due and payable effective Jan. 2, 1963, and $1 each Jan. 2 thereafter. This assessment must be paid before and in advance of anticipated use to receive the benefit derived from this fund.

The Christmas party for Carpenters' children will be held this Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Labor Temple, 2 p.m. The committee has been working very hard to make this a most happy occasion for the children; so be sure to bring them in.

The business offices of the local will be closed on Dec. 24 and 31.

In mailing in dues for 1963, please keep in mind the automatic raise of 50 cents per month.

The officers of Local 1622 wish to take this opportunity to wish every member and his family a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1962, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. Election.
3. The next regularly scheduled holidays will be Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1962, and New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1963.

Your local union office staff, Pearl Bliss, Beverly Ambrose, Arthur Cleary, Herb Ross and Ben H. Beynon, join in wishing you and your family a happy and joyful holiday season.

As it is most important to the members to elect officers who will best serve them and their families, I urge that all members make a special effort to attend this meeting and vote. Looking forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

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STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Nomination and election of L.E. and COPE delegates. It's our last meeting for '62. Join with us like you used to do.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA
Acting Secretary

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
DON CROSMAN
Recording Secretary

BARBERS 134

Attention all members of Barbers Union, Local 134 of Alameda County, Oakland, Calif.

Election of officers and delegates will take place on Monday, December 17, 1962, at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Opening of the meeting at 8 a.m. to read previous month's minutes and third reading on proposed pay increase to secretary-treasurer and business agent as well as all part time officers.

A 9 a.m. meeting will adjourn to re-convene at 8 p.m. to finish the business at hand.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For the election of officers, etc., the polls will open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Your democratic duty is to register your wishes by voting for your favorite candidate; so may I urge one and all to please come in and vote.

Fraternally,
I. O. (Al) CHAMORRO
Secretary-Treasurer

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

There will be a special called meeting Dec. 17, 1962, for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to the State Convention in Hollywood Feb. 12, 1963. The delegates to the General Convention in Washington, D.C., in September, 1962, will then give a report on the proceedings of the convention.

Refreshments will be served.

When mailing your check for your payment of dues, make check payable to "Berkeley Carpenters 1158," not to any individual.

Brother John Hartwick is our new financial secretary for the unexpired term of Brother Ralph Henderson, who died Nov. 2, 1962.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO
Recording Secretary

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special called meeting Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. in Hall D of the Labor Temple for the purpose of voting on a by-laws amendment to increase dues $1 per month and to give credit of $1 per month to any member who attends one meeting per quarter.

There will be 10 turkeys given away.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Business Representative

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 20, 1962, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
Secretary-Treasurer

STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., Union Office, Room 208, Labor Temple.

Regular union meeting Friday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD SOTO
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held on the first and third Fridays of each month at 8 p.m. at 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

A special called meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 4, 1963, at 8 p.m. for the nomination and election of delegates to the California State Convention of Carpenters.

Stewards will meet December 20, 1962, on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Your officers and delegates want to take this opportunity to wish all Carpenters and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 1963.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE

The meeting of December 13, 1962 is the last meeting of the year. Why not come? The Entertainment Committee will have a little Christmas Cheer for all.

Note that the local's phone number has been changed to 893-1573 and 893-1574.

Fraternally,
ED GULBRANSEN
Recording Secretary

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Building Service Union Local 18's office will be closed the Monday before Christmas, Dec. 24.

This action was passed at the union's last meeting as a kind of Christmas present to our office girls and the officers.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT
Sec.-Bus. Rep.

MILLMEN 550

The membership meeting for Dec. 21 has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be Friday, Jan. 24.

Fraternally,
JACK ARCHIBALD
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Executive Board meeting Monday night, Dec. 17, has been postponed, as has the meeting Friday night, Dec. 21. That is the date of our Dinner-Dance Party. Saturday morning, Dec. 22nd, the Executive Board and the Trustees will meet to pay the bills and initiate any applicants. You are entitled to attend this meeting if you so desire.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

ATTENTION, APPRENTICES

All apprentices of this union are respectfully requested to attend the Local Union Apprenticeship Committee's meeting, to be held in Hall D of the Labor Temple, Thursday, Dec. 20, 1962, at 8 p.m.

The committee's meeting originally scheduled for Monday, Dec. 31, 1962, has been cancelled, in lieu of the aforementioned meeting.

Fraternally,
Local Union No. 342
Apprenticeship Committee

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Alameda Local 194 will hold a special meeting on Dec. 17 to nominate and elect a delegate to the California State Convention.

A reminder that as of Jan. 1, 1963, dues will be $5.75 for apprentices and $6 for journeymen.

Fraternally,
CHARLES LEHMAN
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

There will be no meeting Dec. 28 because of the holidays. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Dec. 14. This meeting has been designated a special meeting, called for the purpose of voting on a group life insurance plan. Since this involves an assessment, it is important that each member make an effort to attend.

Fraternally,
BEN RASNICK
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Members of the Tri-State Council Mutual Death Benefit Plan are hereby advised that the following death assessments have been levied during this past month: No. 485 for W. E. Metzger, No. 24749, member of Local 108, Los Angeles, who passed away on Oct. 12, 1962; No. 486 for S. W. Hibberd, No. 48932, member of Local 252, Fresno, who passed away on Oct. 10, 1962; No. 487 for Frank Feutrier, No. 135117, member of Local 104, San Francisco, who passed away on Oct. 28, 1962, and No. 488 for Local 216's Brother Archie Tonkin, No. 107264, who passed away on Nov. 12, 1962.

Everyone is urged to please bring their death assessments up to date at this time. In conformance with the by-laws of the Tri-State Council, any member who becomes more than ten death assessments in arrears must pay all the assessments in one amount and at the same time must be reaffiliated with the Death Benefit Plan for six months before beneficiary would be eligible for benefits in case of death.

Because of the many death assessments that have been recently levied, many of our members have fallen behind in payments; so your attention to the above matter will be appreciated.

Fraternally,
ELIAS J. ARELLANO
Business Manager

NOTICE

Sheet Metal Workers' Local 216 Federal Credit Union reminds Sheet Metal Workers and apprentices as Christmas draws closer to remember our slogan: "When you think of money remember your credit union."

Don't be fooled by offers of easy credit or revolving charge accounts. Contact us for down to earth financing of Christmas gifts.

Membership and loans available to all members and apprentices of Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local 216. To join, contact one of your credit union officers, or send the following information: Name in full, Address (specify town), Social Security Number, Telephone Number, Date of birth and wife's maiden name. Loan requests accepted with membership applications. Send information to William Mansell, 4532 Robert Way, Richmond, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
BILL MADDOX, Chairman
Education Committee

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN
Recording Secretary

Parks Employees 144 asks tax raise support

East Bay Regional Parks Employees 144 has asked the Central Labor Council for support for a five cent increase in the regional parks district tax ceiling.

The matter was referred to the Executive Committee of the labor council for further study and a recommendation.

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

There are only three commission workers left under the jurisdiction of the union. The union agreement has always provided that where a commission worker is in employment at the time of the signing of the union agreement he can remain, but no more commission workers can be hired. The commission worker always creates a problem between the union and the employer — therefore the reason for the union's desire for eventual elimination of this type of employment.

We mention this because at the present time we have a case pending with regard to vacation pay for commission workers. This case may even go to arbitration before it is finally settled. Also, the position of the employer in this case will make it mandatory that the wording in future agreements covering holidays and vacation pay be clearer and more definite, which the union will do.

We are also working with a member on a back wage claim that will require hearings in the Labor Commissioner's office. This case is not covered under the union agreement, but the union is assisting the member in the matter.

Brother Ed Plonczak has been confined to Oakland Kaiser Hospital for an abdominal operation this past week, and we are very happy to report that he is recuperating very nicely; but it will be necessary that he be away from work for some five or six weeks, and the union feels that Ed himself will be glad when he is back to work on his job in Granville's in San Francisco.

Brother Plonczak has been a member of the Executive Board of the local and takes his office very seriously, for which the union is appreciative.

Each week we are going to remind you of the union dinner that will be held on January 12 in the Canterbury Hotel, 750 Sutter St., San Francisco. The union is absorbing one-half the cost, but it is necessary that you notify the union for a reservation.

There will be no regular meeting this month due to the Christmas holiday, but the Executive Board will meet as usual on Thursday, December 27, n the Union Office at 7 p.m.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

"Bad politics are caused by good people who don't take their political responsibility seriously" according to South Dakota's Senator McGovern. With this philosophy to guide him, he upset the Republican applecart this year.

Change the "politic" to "union" and you have in one short phrase what we've been plugging at for a long time.

Two business agents covering two counties can correct many things, but without the active cooperation of the members many problems go unnoticed.

A violation may fester behind the scenes for a year or more, and then the boss and our members have a blowup, and the whole story comes out. All members of 550 are responsible for helping enforce the contract and the Trade Rules. If you are working with or near another member where a violation of the agreement is involved, you are as responsible as anyone else for seeking a correction of it.

I hasten to add we're not interested in petty things.

We're refering to wage, overtime, holiday, seniority and similar violations.

Our younger members must realize that most of the mills and shops observe the contract. The chiseler may be bidding on the same jobs as the good guy, and the violations by the chiseler could be the basis for the low bid. When this happens too often, the good guys know the score, and they try a few tricks of their own.

I've said before some employers expect a supersonic journeyman complete with strong back, power tools and a pickup, all for the beginning apprentice wage. The young members should be very much concerned that the rat race does not destroy what we have now.

We also cannot tolerate the situation where members joke about violations and expect to thumb their nose at efforts to enforce the agreement. Expulsion from the union is a serious matter, and we have little sympathy for the slobbering pleas of a phony who deliberately undermines our working conditions.

Let's make some good union New Year's resolutions this year in the same spirit as those union pioneers who made it a paid holiday.

IN VIRGINIA, the State Parks Commissioner announced that campsites at Seashore State Park, closed nearly eight years to avoid desegregation, have been reopened on a first come, first served basis.

Barbers 134

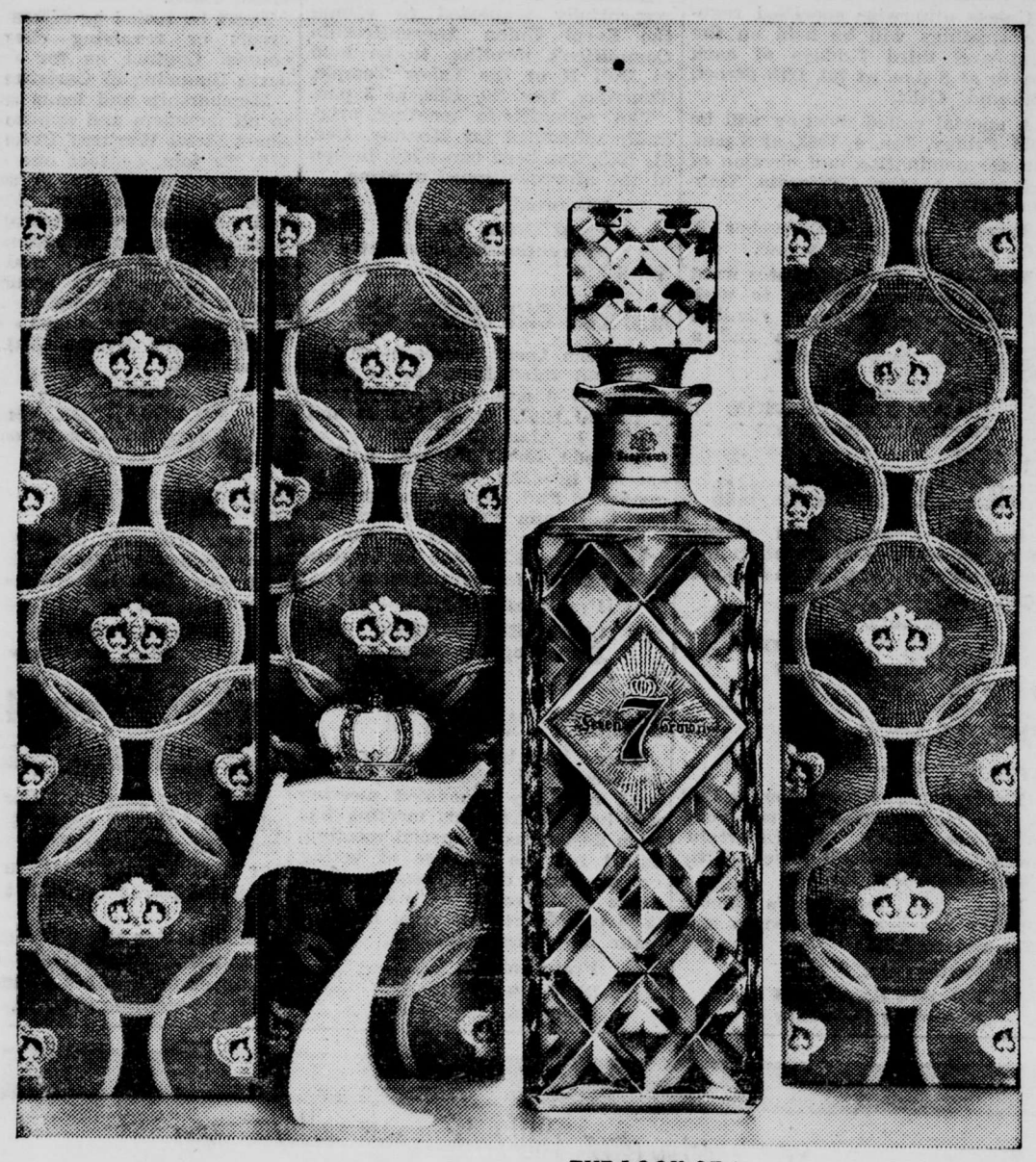
By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

Most important at the present time is the election of officers and delegates that will take place on Monday, December 17, 1962, at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez streets, Oakland. Voting will take place all that day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We hope you will do your utmost to cast your ballot that day. Let's make this election the highest in our history. Everyone who can possibly come should do so.

Again I must advise those brothers who may not have sent their enrollment cards for their insurance to do so immediately. We have to meet a dateline set for December 20, 1962. If your card has been lost or misplaced, call our office, TE 2-5437, and I will see that you get a new one.

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The AFLCIO Distillery Workers have been on strike for 15 months against the Stitzel-Weller Co., producer of Old Fitzgerald, Cabin Still, Old Elk and W. L. Weller whiskies.

The AFLCIO Executive Council has voted full support of the union's boycott.

Stitzel-Weller has tried to bust the union with strikebreakers, injunctions and lawsuits.

Be sure your Christmas is a union one. Don't buy non-union whiskey.

Mosk urges new narcotics provision

State Attorney General Stanley Mosk has recommended changes in the Penal Code to insure that narcotics addicts will be treated under the state's rehabilitation program.

Mosk recommended that failure of addicts to report for treatment be made a misdemeanor. He pointed out that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision made it unconstitutional to arrest a person for being a narcotics addict.

Mosk said reporting for treatment is now voluntary. Making it compulsory would put teeth into the state's addict rehabilitation program, he said, without violating the Supreme Court decision.

Mosk also indicated his office is studying methods of legally coping with persons addicted to methedrine and other "pep pills." He said use of such drugs has expanded greatly and is becoming a major problem.

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Number of work stoppages down in California last year

Both the number of workers involved in work stoppages in California in 1961 and the number of stoppages were lower than in 1960.

This is the main point in a report by Maurice I. Gersheson, chief of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics and Research, which says a total of 99,000 California workers were involved in 269 work stoppages that originated last year.

In 1961, there were 24 farm work strikes, compared with 65 in 1960.

Twelve of the total of 269 work stoppages involved more than 2,000 workers each, accounting for 60 per cent of all workers involved and 45 per cent of total idleness.

Major work stoppages in 1961 were listed as:

- The "wildcat" strike of Flight Engineers against seven of the nation's major air lines in February.
- Picketing by Teamsters employed by drayage firms to protest changes in cargo handling methods agreed to between the Pacific Maritime Association and the ILWU in March.
- The nationwide shipping strike which was halted by a Taft-Hartley injunction by President Kennedy in July and resumed for 14 days in late September and early October.
- A strike by Teamster and ILWU warehousemen in June.
- The Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Benito County Plumbers' strike in July.
- A 48 day strike in San Diego shipyards by Machinists starting July 1, 1961.
- Work stoppages at Oakland and Los Angeles area plants of General Motors over local issues in September.
- A Los Angeles meat packing work stoppage in October, and
- A nationwide Ford Motor Co. strike, also in October.

Longest of these strikes was the one at San Diego shipyards, which involved other crafts as well as Machinists. It lasted 48 days. The one involving the most workers in California was that against the California Metal Trades Association.

Elect....

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...Business Manager...

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★ OFFICERS WHO *DO* UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNION IS AN ORGANIZATION — *OF* THE MEMBERS — CONTROLLED *BY* THE MEMBERS — TO ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH IS BEST *FOR* THE MEMBERS?

If you want these long over-due benefits, *do your share* toward getting them by voting for the men listed below who CAN and WILL bring them to you.

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Recording Secretary — L. R. "LOU" TRIPODI (Incumbent)
Guardian — JOHN MONTE
Guide — KERMIT "WOODY" VON SPRECKEN
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Just hand over your list of members... heh, heh!

Government is the people's business.

It should be public policy for government agencies to deal fairly and squarely with their employees.

We don't say unions are always right in disputes between public bodies and organized labor.

But when a government agency is consistently anti-labor, we think the public should be alerted, and if necessary, take action at the polls when the occasion arises.

This, we assume is what East Bay Municipal Utility District Employees 444 is trying to do.

For about two years, Local 444 has been continually frustrated in its attempts to gain recognition from the Board of Directors and managerial staff of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which is a public body in charge of the water supply for parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Other unions in the past didn't even do as well as Local 444 has done against the EBMUD stone wall.

Now Local 444 is trying to call the public's attention to the merits of its case.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District, we are told, refuses to recognize the union unless it submits a list of its members.

We agree with Local 444 that this is contrary to democratic and collective bargaining principles.

And we wonder why the EBMUD management is so eager to get this list.

Not so many months ago, if our memory serves us correctly, EBMUD rejected a union request for a dues checkoff.

By agreeing to a dues checkoff, EBMUD would have received a list of union members for the purpose of deducting union dues from their paychecks.

Now EBMUD wants the list. But not the checkoff.

We hope the public — whose business all this really is — gets the point.

3 topics at BTC

Three topics of major importance to unionists were discussed at last week's Building Trades Council meeting.

One was a report on the vital role of the Office of Consumer Counsel, created by the Legislature four years ago at the request of Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

In an adjoining column, Helen E. Nelson, the consumer counsel, points out that the buyer (or the borrower or consumer) needs protection in modern society just as much as the worker did in the days before unions and social legislation.

We hope everyone reads Mrs. Nelson's remarks. She has been doing an outstanding job on a limited budget, despite sniping and attempts to abolish her office by certain reactionary politicians. But it is obvious a lot still remains to be done in this vital field.

The importance of adequate consumer protection and education was clearly stated at the BTC meeting by one delegate. He said unions can spend weeks negotiating for a 15-20 cent wage increase. But union families can lose this amount many times over in the marketplace.

Another topic of importance to all unionists was the back seat labor takes in public education.

Children graduate from public schools, and young men and women graduate from public colleges and universities, with only the faintest idea of what the labor movement is all about and its history-shaping role in our nation's development.

Unions now want a labor department at the University of California, roughly equal in scope and importance to those devoted to business and agriculture.

This is a good idea. But, obviously they are going to have to do some convincing.

They will have to prove they'll use the facilities of such a major department and employ its graduates, among other things. And this means some union officials are going to have to get rid of their suspicion of professors and college education — and vice versa.

The third topic, General Motors plant safety, shows what labor can do when it cooperates in a vital field.

Can't vote

Lockheed pickets in Sunnyvale and elsewhere have gone back to work, and both company and union are "cooling off" for 80 days through courtesy of President Kennedy's Taft-Hartley injunction.

But one picket sign summed up the whole dispute:

"Only two places you can't vote. Lockheed and the USSR!"



GIVE CONSUMERS A FAIR BREAK: HELEN NELSON

State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson wants to do for consumers what unions and protective laws have done for workers — give them a fair break.

She outlined her views in a talk before the Association of California Consumers in San Francisco Dec. 1.

Here are some excerpts:

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"Most of the legislative matters we are concerned with have to do with the buyer-seller relationship. We are trying to even up this relationship, to bring the buyer up to a peer status with the seller, in the way that the wage earner's position was strengthened with the mine owner.

"We have long recognized that the individual as a wage earner is unequal to bargaining his rights directly with the mine owner.

"It is no less true that the individual as a consumer is unequal to bargaining his necessary rights directly with the meat packing company or the lending agency.

"For the state to establish for the individual as a consumer some just rights can do as much for the health of our economy and the continuation of private enterprise as establishing rights for him as a wage earner has done."

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"Too often today the bargaining power between buyer and seller is unequal. Too often the consumer is in no position to bargain at all.

"How much bargaining power does the consumer have when his nearest and dearest has died and he has to bury that loved one according to the laws of the state and the mores of society?

"How strong is his bargaining position when a family member is in need of emergency hospital care?

"How advantageously is the consumer positioned when all his wordly goods are on someone else's moving van and the bill far exceeds the estimate he was prepared to pay . . . or when his auto is strewn all over the repair shop and he needs his car to go to work . . . or when he is suddenly called to his mother's funeral in Texas and has to borrow money to get there?

"Are buyer and seller in equal positions of strength when an old age pensioner calls the TV repairman who says the set has to be taken to the shop for repairs? . . . or when a young mother with several small children to feed tries to shop prudently among the packages on the supermarket shelf?"

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"We have the problem of obtaining truth-in-lending legislation. Of all the commodities we buy today, only food and drugs are not routinely offered on credit terms. But seldom are these credit terms clearly set forth. Rare is the borrower who goes to the finance company to borrow $200 who knows he will pay 30 per cent interest on that loan.

"Rare is the mother who is aware that the department store is charging her at the rate of 18 per cent true annual interest on her so-called 'easy credit plan'."

"There is an urgent need for curbs on the extension of credit to teenagers. We have laws to protect minors from cigarettes, alcohol, narcotics, sexual intercourse. Minors are presumed to be unable to make judgments in these matters. A bartender who serves beer to a minor can expect to get his license suspended. But a credit jeweler who leads a minor into clandestine debt can expect the reward of a high return on his money."

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"In making our choice in the marketplace, we consumers have traditionally relied on our freedom and ability to exercise four basic rights — our right to know what we are buying — usually by examining the choices offered; our right to compare prices; our right to name the quantity we choose to buy; and our right to get the full quantity we pay for.

"These basic centuries-old rights are being threatened by current packaging practices.

"It is virtually impossible for us to compare prices and thus make prudent choices because it has become frustratingly difficult for us to know the basic price per pound or pint of what we go to buy.

"In today's supermarket, odd-size packages are the rule not the exception. Let me cite some examples from the shopping test my office conducted recently.

"In the supermarket where our test was made, we discovered there were 14 different packages of rice — and not one was a simple pound package. There were 20 choices of peanut butter — and only four were pound packages. There were six choices of salt — and not one was a pound package."

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em... We Run 'Em!

TEXTBOOK ATTACKS & FULTON LEWIS JR.

Editor, Labor Journal:

Reference is made to your editorial comment about textbook expurgators and their latest attacks involving Carl Sandburg's works by seemingly holier-than-thou critics.

It reminds me of some similar diatribes by Fulton Lewis Jr. and his invidious remarks about the late Dr. Frank A. Magruder, who was my political science professor at Oregon State College, now officially Oregon State University.

Dr. Magruder's books on civics and American government were widely used by high school classes throughout the country, and Fulton Lewis' insinuations as to Communistic labels hurt him deeply and personally. It is said the old gent died of a broken heart, and Lewis' accusations didn't help.

We used to smile about the Dr.'s Phi Beta Kappa key and "bald dome" shining and glittering, but he was a good teacher and writer—and as good, maybe better for all we know, an American as Fulton Lewis Jr.

Whether we misjudge said radio commentator or are prejudiced is something else again, but all we can say is "phooey" to these alleged character assassins.

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K.O. POLIO

Editor, Labor Journal:

We want you and your readers to know how much we value your cooperation in promoting the K.O. Polio Program. Your help was influential in marshalling the 100,000 volunteers and the two and a half million Bay Area "patients" who took Type I and II vaccine. . . . In Alameda and Contra Costa counties, we were especially gratified on November 4th to see that your publicity brought us two "firsts": Alameda County was first in the Bay Area in the number of doses given, 659,884; and Contra Costa County was first in the total percent of population immunized, 78 per cent.

HAROLD KAY, M.D.
Chairman,
Alameda County K.O.
Polio Committee

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THANKS E.B.L.J.

Editor, Labor Journal:

I would like to express the appreciation of the Center to you for your excellent cooperation in bringing the work of the Center to the attention of your readers.

Mr. David Klugman has been very good about sending us clippings and we have appreciated the space you have given us.

We have many visitors who ask to meet people who are knowledgeable in labor matters and we hope very much to increase the number of union members who will help us out with these guests.

Please call us if you have any questions or need any further information or descriptive material.

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DIVINE COMMAND

The true foundation of the brotherhood of man is belief in the knowledge that God is the Father of mankind. For us, therefore, brotherhood is not only a generous impulse but also a divine command. — **Harry S. Truman.**